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MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA, on January 12, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)

Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)

Sen. Roy Brown (R)

Sen. John Esp (R)

Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)

Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)

Sen. Don Ryan (D)

Sen. Frank Smith (D)

Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)

Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary

Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 97, 1/8/2007

Executive Action: SB 97

HEARING ON SB 97

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:35 **SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA (D), SD 47,** opened the hearing on **SB 97,** Clarify handling of highway patrol work comp claims.

Proponents:

00:02:50 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund

00:03:59 Larry Fasbender, Attorney, Department of Justice

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:08 Sen. Cocchiarella

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 97

00:05:42 Motion/Vote: SEN. SQUIRES moved that SB 97 DO PASS.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

00:06:15 Chairwoman Cocchiarella

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ADJOURNMENT

Adi	ournment:	10:00	A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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